

# Rapid River News!

July 4, 2008

From L.R.B.O.I.



*(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business. The department or persons involved is shown at the end of each item. If the item is general in nature, PA will appear for Public Affairs)*

## (Natural Resource related items)

- **Fish Distribution.** The Great Lakes Assessment Fish Distribution program has asked those in the Manistee area who are interested in participating in this program to fill out the attached form and send it back to the Natural Resources Department. See the form at the end of the Rapid River news.

## (Public Safety/Court related items)

- **Kelsey Appeal Denied.** The Appellate Court of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has denied the request by Council Member Norbert Kelsey for immediate reversal of his recent conviction for Sexual Assault and instead remanded it back to the Tribal Court of Chief Justice Dan Bailey for findings of fact relating to jurisdictional issues.
- **Summer Safety Alert!** Methamphetamine cooks are buying propane tanks and emptying them of the propane gas. Then they fill the propane tanks with anhydrous ammonia, to cook Methamphetamine. After they are finished with the propane tanks, they return them to the store. The stores refill the tanks with propane gas, not knowing that the improper substance was inserted in the tanks and resell the tanks. Anhydrous ammonia is very corrosive and weakens the structure of the tank. It can be very dangerous when mixed with propane gas and hooked up to a grill, recreation vehicle, etc. You should inspect the propane tank for any blue or greenish residue around the valve areas. If there are evidences of these substances, do not purchase the propane tank and advise the vendor of your findings. Check out the following website for more details. <http://www.npga.org/i4a/pages/index.cfm?pageid=529>

## (Cultural related items)

- **Ancestral Remains.** A forum was held last week for all Michigan tribal MACPRA and NAGPRA representatives to gather for the purpose of developing strategies to address the University of Michigan and its Museum of Anthropology's collection of our ancestral remains and their associated funerary objects. The **1,390 Strategic Summit** was hosted by the Saginaw Chippewa Indian Tribe of Michigan at the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture & Lifeways in Mt. Pleasant. A report will appear in the *Currents*.
- **Energy Fair in Manistee County.** Tribal Historical Director and former Ogema Jonnie "Jay" Sam helped with the opening of the Energy Fair at the County Fairgrounds the last weekend in June. Sam offered a prayer to open the event which featured much information about responsible use of energy. Governor Jennifer Granholm attended this event for the first time since its inception.
- **TRADITIONAL DRUM SESSION.** Peacemaking has announced that the men's traditional drumming and singing class will begin on Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm. at the community center. The session will last until 7:00. There are no required dues or fees. It is okay to come in late or leave early if you must. Women are welcome to come and sing. Youth should be accompanied by a parent if they need supervision to stay focused. There are no age limits, just behavioral limits. No one under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will be allowed at the session. We hope to have a lot of fun and honor our ancestors by keeping our traditions alive. We invite anyone with experience to come and help teach others. If you have any questions, contact: Austen Brauker at 398-2240.

## • **BEGINNING FLUTE CLASS.**

The flute class is scheduled to begin at 5:30 on Wednesday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at the community center. You must have

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your own flute to participate, either a five or six holed, Native American style flute. No musical background is necessary. The class is open to men and women of all ages. No one under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs will be allowed. If you have any questions about the flute class contact: Austen Brauker at 398-2240. Drum and Flute classes will alternate every other week.

(General area items)

- **Sault Tribe Election.** Darwin (Joe) McCoy has won election as Chairman of the Sault Tribe with 3,853 votes. The current Chairman, Aaron A. Payment came in second with 3,495 votes. Former Chair Bernard Bouchard was elected to a seat on the Tribal Council.

(Tribal Government-Department items)

- **Nibbin 'Summer' Youth Camp.** The first phase of this year's Youth Camp is well underway. A group of our tribal young people had a couple weeks of fun 'n games under the auspices of Holly Davis and crew. Bowling, Frisbee golf, swimming lessons, getting to watch the Police Dog work and lots of other things have provided great entertainment. The next youth camp session is scheduled for August 4<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact Holly for details...888.382.8299.

## Great Lakes Assessment Fish Distribution Request

All Tribal Members interested in being on the fish distribution list are asked to update their address and phone number to be able to receive fish.

There are three ways you may give your update.

1. Fill out Fish Distribution Request Form below and mail in.
2. Call toll free at 1-866-723-1594
3. Email your name, Tribal ID, phone address information to [bharnish@lrboi.com](mailto:bharnish@lrboi.com).

### LRBOI Fish Distribution Request Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tribal ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: LRBOI Natural Resource Department  
Atten: Bonnie Harnish, Adm. Assistant  
375 River Street  
Manistee, MI 49660

If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:  
The Public Information Office, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.

Or send them direct to [currentcomments@lrboi.com](mailto:currentcomments@lrboi.com).

Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.